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1.

In November 1953, that Soviet officers were assigned to Czechoslovak military units on all levels. Their task consists in supervising the units both from the military and political point of view. They submit reports about the progress in military training and political indoctrination of the troops within their units to their superiors.

The summary of all these reports is supposed to give a true picture about the morale of the Czechoslovak Army. However, most of the Soviet officers, being afraid of losing their jobs and of being replaced by other, more competent officers, do not dare to describe the situation within their unit as unfavorable. The Soviet officers assigned to the Czechoslovak military units are paid approximately 5,000 Czech crowns per month and have a passenger car at their disposal.

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2. Jet propelled aircraft have not been seen over Prague lately. In a casual conversation an Air Force private revealed to Source that the majority of the jet planes were removed from Prague to Ceske Budejovice (049/096).

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3. No change was observed in the anti-aircraft artillery barracks in Bohnice (051/075) since the last report except that the newly enlisted men of the class 1931/1932 conduct drill at the training ground of the barracks daily.

4. Military installations in the vicinity of Prague, especially those on the Klecany (051/079) and Letany (051/089) airfields are increasingly guarded not only by military but also by civilian guards consisting of CP members.

5. Production in the Vodochody (051/079) aircraft plant, which started at the end of 1952, is still very limited. According to workers employed with this plant preparations are being made there for increased activities. The assembly of jet planes from parts delivered to the plant is to be resumed in the near future.

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6. Large-scale production of Russian-type tanks was started in the OKD Stalingrad plant in Prague, according to a technical employee of this plant.

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1.  Comment. The statement as such would include lower levels and seems to indicate that Soviet "advisers" were assigned also to the regiments, whereas it is believed they were attached to higher commands only, beginning with the divisional commands, and to the military schools for education of career officers prior to 1952.

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